



Call out for Festival Organisers / Programmers to attend the second International Showcase of the Mysteries and Drolls project

brought to you by Festival of Fools, Belfast, UK.

In February 2021 *Festival of Fools* will host the second International Showcase of the *Mysteries and Drolls* project, a Creative Europe funded programme. *Mysteries and Drolls* seeks to revive the European Popular Theatre, rediscovering ancient street theatre and the role of the buffoon through contemporary work.

What is the showcase?

The showcase is an industry event, an opportunity for programmers to see street theatre work and for artists to meet programmers. The aim is to create programming opportunities for festivals, and bookings for artists. In 2021, for obvious reasons, we will be holding this online, whilst we appreciate this is not ideal, it does mean we are able to include more acts and a broader selection of skills and work than were we to be meeting in person. The showcase will be attended by at least 30 international programmers from a range of European countries who will each be seeking to book at least one show from those featured.

When will it happen?

The showcase will be presented by *Festival of Fools* on the **24 and 25 February 2021**, from approximately 10am to 3pm each day (UK time).

What is involved?

Programmers will be shown footage from shows selected by the creative teams at Festival of Fools and Open Street aisbl (Bruxelles), and meet the shows' creators in hosted Q&A sessions. There will be the opportunity for programmers to network together informally and participate in group discussion. We are working hard to make the days as varied and engaging as possible.

Who can participate?

We welcome programmers from all European countries, but we are particularly keen to hear from festivals from the project partner countries: Germany, Italy, Spain, Poland and the UK. Two of the aims of the M&D project are to create opportunities for artists and to support artists' mobility. We therefore hope that each organiser will book at least one of the acts they see in the showcase for work in the future.

How do I register my interest?

Please complete the form via the link below.

Who is funding the showcase?

The showcase is funded by Creative Europe. The Arts Council of Northern Ireland have provided match funding and support to this event and *Festival of Fools*.

Registration opens on 19 January and close on 17 February 2021

The first 30 organisations to register for a place will receive a contribution of €100 after they have attended the event and completed a very short survey.

Click here to register: <https://www.populartheatre.eu/showcase2021/>



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